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Mr. Milford Wayne Donaldson
State Historic Preservation Officer
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California Department of
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Subject: Update to the 1993 Resource Management Plan (RMP) and
Environmental Assessment (EA) for portions of the
Coachella Canal (Canal), Riverside County, California

Dear Dr. Donaldson:

This letter is to inform you that Reclamation's Yuma Area Office (AZ) is updating a combined RMP/EA for the Riverside County portion of the Canal, including Lake Cahuilla. The updated study will define Reclamation's management philosophy for approximately 3,990 acres of lands under Reclamation's jurisdiction. The enclosed map shows the Canal and the area under study.

The updated RMP will address Reclamation's management and resource responsibilities for lands under its jurisdiction. Taking into account the area's rapid population growth, especially in the western section of the study area near Indio and Lake Cahuilla, the plan's purpose is to provide direction for future management decisions according to currently recognized standards of proper land and water use. The RMP will assist Reclamation in achieving responsible stewardship of the lands, resources, and water on, adjacent to, and near the Canal.

Preparation and implementation of this updated RMP/EA is a federal undertaking and, therefore, falls under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended. The act and implementing regulations require Federal agencies to consider the effects of an undertaking on cultural resources within the

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Area of Potential Effect (APE). This letter is to initiate the consultation process, as required under 36 CFR 800, sections 6 and 7. The actual public involvement process will begin in early 2005.

As part of the development of the updated RMP, Reclamation is conducting a Class I cultural resource survey of the affected area, and plans to hold public meetings to solicit comments regarding the undertaking and the APE. In addition, Reclamation plans to initiate consultation with local Indian Tribes which may have an interest in the updated RMP. If, in the future, any ground-disturbing activities are initiated as a result of this RMP/EA, Reclamation will consult with your office regarding any potential negative effects on cultural resources within the area of the undertaking.

When completed, a draft copy of the updated RMP/EA will be sent to your office for review and comment. In the interim, if you have any questions or require further information, please contact Dr. Jim Bailey of Reclamation's Denver office at 303-445-2704, or at jbailey@do.usbr.gov

Sincerely,

Jim Cherry

Jim Cherry
Area Manager

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Mr. Gary Resvaloso
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Subject: Update to the 1993 Resource Management Plan (RMP) and
Environmental Assessment (EA) for Portions of the
Coachella Canal (Canal), Riverside County, California

Mr. Resvaloso:

This letter is to inform you that Reclamation's Yuma Area Office is updating a combined RMP/EA for the Riverside County portion of the Canal, including Lake Cahuilla. The updated study will define Reclamation's management philosophies for approximately 3,990 acres of lands under Reclamation's jurisdiction. The enclosed map shows the Canal and the area under study.

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the effects of an undertaking on cultural resources within the Area of Potential Effect (APE). This letter is to initiate the consultation process, as required under 36 CFR 800, sections 6 and 7. The actual public involvement process will begin in early 2005.

In order to address any concerns you may have, we would appreciate your help in identifying any known cultural resources, including traditional cultural properties and/or sacred sites that exist within the APE. Our objective is to identify any such resources early in the planning process so we can recommend avoidance of them in any future undertaking.

We would appreciate your sending the requested cultural resources information by January 1, 2005, to Dr. Jim Bailey, Staff Historian, Technical Service Center, P.O. Box 250007 (D-8580), Denver, Colorado 80225-0007. If you or other tribal officials would like to discuss cultural resources issues associated with the Riverside County portion of the Canal, please contact Dr. Bailey at 303-445-2704 or jbailey@do.usbr.gov.

Sincerely, _____

Jim Cherry

Jim Cherry
Area Manager

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Identical Letters Sent To:

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October 18, 2004

Dr. Jim Bailey
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Re: Update to 1993 Resource Management Plan and Environmental Assessment for Portions of the Coachella Canal, Riverside County, California

Dr. Bailey,

The Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians appreciates your efforts to include the Tribal Historic Preservation Office in your project. We have examined your information on the proposed project location referenced above and compared this to data in the Agua Caliente Register. The Register indicates, first, that the area is not within Reservation lands. Second, while the project area also is not within the Tribal Traditional Use Area, it is in close proximity to it. Based on this proximity, we do request a copy of any cultural resource documents and/or reports that might be generated in connection with this effort to become part of the permanent Agua Caliente Cultural Register.

Again the Agua Caliente Tribe appreciates your interest in Tribal heritage and resources. If you have questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to call me at 1 (760) 883-1313 or at e.mail jnixon@aguacaliente.net.

Cordially,

Joseph M. Nixon, Ph. D., RPA
Cultural Resources Coordinator
AGUA CALIENTE BAND OF CAHUILLA INDIANS
TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

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C: Tribal Council
Tom Davis, Chief Planning Officer
Agua Caliente Cultural Register

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Subject: Coachella Canal Resource Management Plan and
Environmental Assessment (RMP/EA) - Phased Cultural
Resources Consultation

Dear Mr. Donaldson:

Thank you for informing us of your concerns regarding the Section 106 consultation process and our updated Coachella Canal RMP/EA. We have read your letter dated November 1, 2004, and wish to respond to your questions regarding phased cultural resources consultation under 36 CFR Sec. 800.

Currently, the updated Coachella RMP/EA is still in the draft compilation stages. The historian for the Bureau of Reclamation's Technical Service Center (TSC), Dr. Jim Bailey, has conducted a Class 1 survey of all historic and archeological resources within the Area of Potential Effect (APE) through the University of California-Riverside's site record repository. Additionally, Dr. Bailey has initiated consultations with local Indian tribes and has completed a sacred lands search through the California Native American Heritage Commission.

However, since Reclamation is still in the formative stages of drafting and producing this updated RMP/EA, at this time we wish to continue to consult with your office only on a case-by-case basis. Much like the last RMP/EA (1993), the updated RMP/EA will detail a reasonable number of management alternatives. You should also be aware that, currently, Reclamation has no plans for construction activities around the canal.

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Although we understand the importance of the phased consultation process as outlined under 36 CFR Sec. 800.14(b), it is much too early in the RMP/EA's planning stages to consider a programmatic agreement. However, if funding should become available to pursue and negotiate a formal programmatic agreement with your office over the entire Coachella Canal in Imperial and Riverside counties, we will be prepared to discuss this possibility.

If there are any further questions or concerns, please contact me at 928-343-8215, or Dr. Jim Bailey, TSC Staff Historian, at 303-445-2704 or jbailey@do.usbr.gov.

Sincerely,
Cynthia Hoeft

Cynthia Hoeft, Director
Resources Management Office

Endangered Species Act Consultation



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MEMORANDUM

To: U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, 6010 Hidden Valley Road,
Carlsbad, CA 92009

From: Cynthia Hoeft
Director, Resource Management Office

Subject: Request for Threatened and Endangered Species List for
Coachella Canal Area Resource Management Plan (RMP)

Cynthia Hoeft

The Bureau of Reclamation is preparing an RMP for the Coachella Canal area. We are requesting a threatened and endangered species list for the area affected by this planning effort.

The portion of the Coachella Canal area covered by the RMP is in Riverside County, California, and consists of about 30 miles of the canal and 3,990 acres of Reclamation lands. The study area is located just north of the Salton Sea. It continues north near the communities of Mecca, Thermal, Coachella, and Indio and south near La Quinta and Lake Cahuilla (portions of Townships 5, 6, and 7 South, Ranges 7, 8, and 9 East, San Bernardino Meridian, Riverside County, California). The location of the study area is shown on the attached map.

Reclamation is updating the RMP prepared for the Coachella Canal area in 1993. The purpose of the updated RMP is to establish a 10-year plan detailing the management framework for the conservation, protection, enhancement, development and use of the natural and cultural resources along the Coachella Canal while protecting the authorized Reclamation project purposes.

The RMP will be combined with a National Environmental Policy Act compliance document and is expected to be completed within 18 months. We appreciate your help in sending us the threatened and endangered species list and look forward to working with you on this project. Please contact Ms. Peggy Haren of my staff at 928-343-8547 for questions regarding this request.

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In Reply Refer To:
FWS-ERIV-4464.1

Ms. Cynthia Hoeft
Bureau of Reclamation
Yuma Area Office
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Re: Request for Candidate, Proposed, Threatened, or Endangered Species for the Coachella Canal
Area Resource Management Plan, Riverside County, California

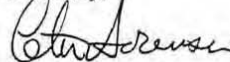
Dear Ms. Hoeft:

In response to your request, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is providing you with the attached list of species that may occur in the vicinity of the Coachella Canal Resource Management Planning area (RMP). The list is to assist you in evaluating whether or not proposed projects may affect listed species. Please note that this is not a comprehensive list. The proposed project is located in potential habitat for the mountain plover (*Charadrius montanus*) and burrowing owl (*Athene cunicularia hypugaea*), state species of special concern. These species are not State-listed; however project review under the California Environmental Quality Act may require addressing any potential impacts to these species, as well as others. We recommend that you seek assistance from a biologist familiar with the area and with the listed species to more definitively assess the potential for direct, indirect and cumulative impacts likely to result from proposed activities. Please contact the California Department of Fish and Game if you need information regarding State-listed and sensitive species that may occur in the area.

If it is determined that the proposed project may affect a listed or proposed species you should initiate consultation (or conference for proposed species) with the Service pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). Informal consultation may be used to exchange information and resolve conflicts with respect to listed species prior to a written request for formal consultation.

Should you have any questions regarding the species listed or your responsibilities under the Act, please contact Kurt Roblek of my staff at (760) 431-9440.

Sincerely,


Therese O'Rourke
for Assistant Field Supervisor

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Ms. Cynthia Hoeft (FWS-ERTV-4464.1)

Proposed, Threatened, or Endangered Species
Potentially Occurring in the
Coachella Canal Area RMP

Common Name	Scientific Name	Status
Desert tortoise	<i>Gopherus agassizii</i>	T
Coachella Valley fringe-toed lizard	<i>Uma inornata</i>	T
Southwestern willow flycatcher	<i>Epidonax traillii extimus</i>	E
Yuma clapper rail	<i>Rallus longirostris yumanensis</i>	E
Least Bell's vireo	<i>Vireo bellii pusillus</i>	E
Peninsular bighorn sheep	<i>Ovis canadensis</i>	E
Desert pupfish	<i>Cyprinodon macularis</i>	E
Razorback sucker	<i>Xyrauchen texanus</i>	E
Coachella valley milk-vetch	<i>Astragalus lentiginosus</i> var. <i>coachellae</i>	E
Peirson's milk-vetch	<i>Astragalus magdalenae</i> var. <i>peirsonii</i>	T
Triple-ribbed milk-vetch	<i>Astragalus tricarinatus</i>	E

Status

E = Endangered; T = Threatened

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Regional Director, Western Regional Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, P.O. Box 10, Phoenix, AZ 85001
Superintendent, Colorado River Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Rt. 1, Box 9-C, Parker, AZ 85344
Superintendent, Fort Yuma Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, P.O. Box 11000, Yuma, AZ 85366
Superintendent, Hopi Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, P.O. Box 158, Keams Canyon, AZ 86034
Superintendent, Palm Springs Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, P.O. Box 2245, Palm Springs, CA 92263
Superintendent, Papago Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, P.O. Box 490, Sells, AZ 85634
Superintendent, Pima Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, P.O. Box 8, Sacaton, AZ 85247
Superintendent, Salt River Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 10000 East McDowell Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85256
Superintendent, San Carlos Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, P.O. Box 209, San Carlos, AZ 85550
Superintendent, Southern California Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1451 Research Park Drive, Suite 100, Riverside, CA 92507
Superintendent, Truxton Canon Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, P.O. Box 37, Valentine, AZ 86437
Field Representative, Southern Paiute Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, P.O. Box 720, St. George, UT 84771

From: Jim Cherry
Area Manager

Jim Cherry

Subject: Request for Identification of Indian Trust Assets (ITA) - Coachella Canal Area Resource Management Plan (RMP), Riverside County, California
(Action by February 25, 2005)

This is to inform you that the Bureau of Reclamation's (Reclamation) Yuma Area Office is updating an RMP for Reclamation lands located within Riverside County that are associated with the Coachella Canal (Canal). Like the previous Coachella Canal RMP issued in 1993, the updated study will define Reclamation's management philosophies for the next 10 years for approximately 3,990 acres of Canal lands under Reclamation's jurisdiction. The attached map shows the Canal and the area under study.

The updated RMP will address Reclamation's management and resource responsibilities for the above-described lands under its jurisdiction. Taking into account the area's rapid population growth, especially in the northern and western sections of the study area near Indio and Lake Cahuilla, the plan's purpose is to provide direction for future management decisions according to currently recognized standards of proper land management. The updated RMP will assist Reclamation in achieving responsible stewardship of the lands associated with the Canal.

As part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance process and Reclamation's Indian Trust Asset policy of July 2, 1993, we are requesting identification of any trust assets including land, minerals, hunting and fishing rights, and water rights that the United States holds for any tribe which may be affected by the above described proposed Federal action. We would like to complete the identification of trust assets by February 25, 2005. Our objective is to ensure trust assets are identified early in the NEPA process so we can avoid damaging effects to them. Reclamation has initiated consultation with potentially affected tribes regarding cultural resources and sacred sites within the area of potential effect of the proposed Federal action as a separate additional part of NEPA compliance.

Attached is information about the RMP and upcoming open houses for this project. Additionally, we have mailed open house notices to the tribes shown on the attached list. However, we have not requested their identification of ITA pending your response to this inquiry.

Please send the requested trust asset information by February 25, 2005, to Ms. Susan Black, Bureau of Reclamation D-8580, P.O. Box 25007, Denver, CO 80225-0007. The information can also be sent to her by fax at 720-544-0601 or by email to sblack@do.usbr.gov. If you have any questions about this inquiry or the Coachella RMP process, please contact Ms. Black as noted above or by telephone at 303-445-2705.

We hope to see you at the upcoming open houses.

Attachments - 6

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DATE: **MAR 09 2005**

REPLY TO:
ATTN OF: James J. Fletcher, Superintendent, Southern California Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1451
Research Park Drive, Suite 100, Riverside, CA 92507-2154

SUBJECT: Reply to Data Request for Indian Trust Assets - Boulder Canyon Project, All-American
Canal System, Coachella Canal Unit (Project: 1993 RMP Update).

THROUGH: Jim Cherry, Area Manager, Yuma Area Office (YAO-7120, LND-6.00), Bureau of
Reclamation, 7301 Calle Agua Salada, Yuma, AZ 85364

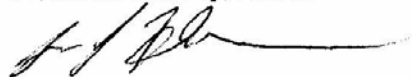
TO: Darrell Welch, Team Leader (Attn: Susan Black), Bureau of Reclamation (D-8580),
P. O. Box 25007, Denver, CO 80225-0007

This serves as reply to the Memorandum dated January 21, 2005, from the Yuma Area Manager, requesting "identification of any trust assets including land, minerals, hunting and fishing rights, and water rights that the United States holds for any tribe which may be affected by the above described proposed federal action." While we would not have or never will have the time or opportunity to inventory all that you are requesting, we will briefly list the Indian Reservations within or relatively near the proposed project in the Whitewater River watershed of the Salton Sea closed basin:

Morongo Indian Reservation
Agua Caliente Indian Reservation
Cabazon Indian Reservation
Augustine Indian Reservation
Twenty-Nine Palms Indian Reservation
Torres-Martinez Indian Reservation

Within those Indian Reservations are real property and natural resources assets held in trust by the United States on behalf of the respective federally-recognized tribes living there or affiliated by membership. This includes trust resources and real property held on behalf of each tribe, as well as individually-owned trust Allotments. Appurtenant surface and underground water rights affix to these Indian Reservations and are held in trust by the United States as adjudged and decreed in the California Whitewater River Adjudication (Superior Court Judgement, County of Riverside, California).

Please note that the proposed project area lies within the CALFED Geographic Scope of Solution Area where all federal agencies share in the trust responsibility to execute the federal government's trust to American Indian tribes. If you have questions or need further advice, please contact Rick Gundry, Hydrologist, at (951) 276-6624, ext. 257, or Lisa Northrop, Natural Resources Officer, ext. 254.



cc: Area Manager, (Attn: P. Haren) BOR-LCRR-YAO-7120
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Honorable Richard Milanovich
Chairman
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Palm Springs, CA 92262

Subject: Request for Identification of Indian Trust Assets
(ITA) - Coachella Canal Area Resource Management
Plan/Environmental Assessment (RMP/EA), Riverside
County, California (Action by June 10, 2005)

Dear Chairman Milanovich:

The Bureau of Reclamation's (Reclamation) Yuma Area Office is updating an RMP/EA for the Reclamation lands located within Riverside County that are associated with the Coachella Canal (Canal). Like the previous Coachella Canal RMP/EA issued in 1993, the updated study will define Reclamation's management philosophies for the next 10 years for approximately 3,990 acres of Canal area lands under Reclamation's jurisdiction. The enclosed draft map shows the Canal and the area under study.

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In response to Reclamation's request for identification of Indian trust assets potentially affected by the above proposed Federal action, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Southern California Agency, Riverside, California, by memorandum dated

March 9, 2005, advised Reclamation "Within those Indian Reservations (Agua Caliente, Augustine, Cabazon, Morongo, Torres Martinez, and Twenty Nine Palms) are real property and natural resources assets held in trust by the United States on behalf of the respective Federally recognized tribes living there or affiliated by membership. This includes trust resources and real property held on behalf of each tribe, as well as individually owned trust Allotments. Appurtenant surface and underground water rights affix to these Indian Reservations and are held in trust by the United States as adjudged and decreed in the California Whitewater River Adjudication (Superior Court Judgement County of Riverside, California)."

As follow up to the BIA information and as part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance process and Reclamation's Indian trust asset policy of July 2, 1993, we are requesting your identification of any trust assets including land, minerals, hunting and fishing rights, and water rights that the United States holds for your tribe which may be affected by the proposed Federal action. We would like to complete the identification of trust assets by June 10, 2005. Our objective is to ensure trust assets are identified early in the NEPA process so we can avoid damaging effects to them. On behalf of this office, Dr. Jim Bailey of Reclamation's Technical Service Center has initiated consultation with your cultural resources representative regarding cultural resources and sacred sites within the area of potential effect of the proposed Federal action as a separate, additional part of NEPA compliance.

We would appreciate your sending the requested trust asset information by June 10, 2005, to:

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The information can also be sent to her by fax at 720-544-0601 or by email to sblack@do.usbr.gov. If you have any questions about this inquiry or the Coachella RMP/EA process, please contact Ms. Black as above or by telephone at 303-445-2705.

Within the next few weeks, Mr. Jack Simes, our Native American Affairs Coordinator, will be contacting you to discuss this inquiry and answer any questions you may have.

Enclosed is additional information about the RMP and upcoming open houses for this project. We hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

/s/ Cynthia Hoeft

Cynthia Hoeft, Director
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Identical letter sent to persons on the next page.

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Coachella Canal
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Re: Request for Identification of Indian Trust Assets (ITA) – Coachella Canal Area
Resource Management Plan/Environmental Assessment (RMP/EA), Riverside County
California

The Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians has assessed the information you provided
concerning: Request for Identification of Indian Trust Assets (ITA) – Coachella Canal
Area Resource Management Plan/Environmental Assessment (RMP/EA), Riverside
County California

We have determined that this project is outside the Soboba Reservation territory as well
as outside Tradition Use Area for the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians. While outside
our Tradition Use Area for the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians the closeness of this
project to Tradition Use Area advocates we request copies of cultural resource documents
and reports.

We appreciate your observance of Tribal resources as it relates to cultural heritage and
preservation. Please feel free to contact me at 951-654-2765 ext: 244 if you need any
additional information

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charlene Ryan".

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